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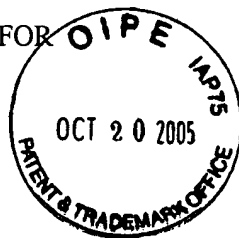
In re Applicants:

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For: FEMORAL IMPLANT FOR
HIP ARTHROPLASTY

Mail Stop Amendment
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P.O. Box 1450
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Examiner: Pedro Philogene

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

The Applicants in the above-identified application hereby submit this petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 19, 2005 for a total period of two (2) months, from August 19, 2005 to, and including, October 19, 2005.

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$450 (large entity) to cover the fee for a two-months' extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2)). The Applicants are no longer eligible for small entity status, and thus the fee enclosed reflects the amount due for a large entity.

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